



BIOGRAPHY

Paco Rosic

BIRTHPLACE

Paco Raque Rosic was born in 1979 in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

CHILDHOOD

Mr. Rosic spent his first twelve years in Sarajevo. Once while in the hospital as a child, he painted birds on a wall. He calls this his “first art exhibit.” Because of the war in his country, he and his family had to leave and were “shuffled through safe houses” to safety. He moved to Germany and began to flourish as an artist and dancer, but then was uprooted to move to the United States.

HIGHER EDUCATION

He received an art degree from the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls and pursued studio art.

POSITION

Mr. Rosic is an artist and restaurateur in Waterloo, Iowa.

INSPIRATION/INFLUENCE

Mr. Rosic has been influenced by paintings that he says he “reads.” He states that 500 years ago, only the higher classes of society were able to learn to read, but all people could “read” paintings. He was influenced by Pablo Picasso, American graffiti, and American Pop Art. One can see the great influence of Picasso’s epic painting of the horrors of war, *Guernica*, in his work. He believes that inhumanity and atrocities are repeated throughout history, and this belief inspires some of his work. Paco Rosic’s masterpiece, the creation of a reproduction of the Sistine Chapel paintings on the ceiling of his Waterloo restaurant, was influenced by Michelangelo Buonarroti. He states that the best part of painting is painting for himself, and “from my heart.” An artist ideally paints what he wishes to paint. “You do it for yourself,” he says.

ART FORM

After arriving in the U.S., Mr. Rosic began to create art in the American technique and art form of graffiti or aerosol art which, oddly enough, he had learned in Germany. His work became known in his new home of Waterloo, Iowa. While he had commissions to create traditional graffiti, Mr. Rosic created a new art form by priming a canvas and painting with spray paint.

WEB SITE

www.paco-rosic.com/

ARTWORK DISPLAYED

- Waterloo Center for the Arts
- Galleria de Paco Restaurant, Waterloo, Iowa